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TO: Members of the Committee on Ways & Means

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SUBJ: Social Security at 75 Years

I am extremely affected by this unfair legislation. I am single, former federal employee, who continues to work because my retirement does not quite get it with the way things are today. I have worked 52 years so far and would like to retire before too long. I am almost 69 years of age. I have never received any assistance of any kind. In addition, I have a disabled sister I have cared for 27 years. I could use the extra monies.

Having worked 30 years for the federal government, I did not always pay into the Social Security System. However, I have worked enough to have more than 50 quarters in Social Security, which is enough that I feel I should be drawing full Social Security benefits. Had I not worked and been a stay-at-home wife, I could have drawn 50% on my husband; had I worked in the private sector my Social Security would not be cut. Then, there is the case of teachers in Texas, who until 2003, could work one day in a Social Security covered job and then draw full Social Security. These funds should be taken back from those people and given to those of us who have earned it honestly.

Our government finds all kinds of ways to fund foreign aid. I feel it is time to take care of our people by repealing this GPO/WEP in its entirety. We should take care of our own first.

In addition, I am one of the fortunate ones. I am still in good health. What about those of us who are not able to work any longer and cannot draw what they have paid from Social Security? What about people who went into teaching not realizing they were going to have to deal with this. Some teachers out there are only drawing \$400-\$500 per month. How are they supposed to live on this? Could you? I have read cases where they have to choose between food and medicine. What a travesty!

I respectfully plead with this committee to please take a closer look at this unfair law. I feel the only fair thing to do is to repeal this.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to make this request re: Social Security at 75 Years.

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